

February 27, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication, RM-11626; RM-11592

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 23, 2012, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Krista Witanowski, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA–The Wireless Association®, were joined by several CTIA members for a meeting with the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. CTIA members participating in the meeting included Joe Marx and Mike Roden (via phone) of AT&T, Wirt Yerger, Nash Neyland and Jim Sheldon of Cavalier Wireless (all via phone), Larry Lueck of Cellcom (via phone), Grant Spellmeyer and Roberto Yanez (via phone) of U.S. Cellular, Tamara Preiss of Verizon, and Catherine Hilke and Richard Harvey (via phone) of Verizon Wireless. The above parties met with Rick Kaplan, Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, along with Jim Schlichting, Paul Murray, Nese Guendelsberger, Tom Peters, Nicole McGinnis, Amy Brett, and Thuy Tran, all of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

CTIA explained that its members remain committed to delivering on the President’s and the Commission’s spectrum policy goal of encouraging rapid wireless broadband buildout. In this vein, CTIA discussed interference concerns to wireless licensees in the 700 MHz A, B and C Blocks. CTIA highlighted these interference issues in the context of its 2011 Petition for Rulemaking and Request for Licensing Freezes (“Petition”) on applications for television broadcast stations on Channel 51 (“Channel 51” or “TV 51”).¹ The parties also raised the Commission’s upcoming interoperability proceeding as relevant to these interference concerns.

¹ See Petition for Rulemaking and Request for Licensing Freezes by CTIA – The Wireless Association and Rural Cellular Association, RM-11626, at 1 (March 15, 2011) (“Petition for Rulemaking”).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian M. Josef

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cc: Rick Kaplan
Jim Schlichting
Paul Murray
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Tom Peters
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